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Benjamin B. Baker
Assistant to the Mayor
City Hall
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with Mayor Bullard, Kathy Burns and yourself on December 16, 1986 concerning the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

As we discussed at the meeting, EPA, in conjunction with the Massachusetts DEOE and the Corps of Engineers, intends to conduct a pilot dredging and disposal study during 1987. We also indicated that three of the next major steps in developing and implementing the pilot study were to:

- 1) Issue a press release and fact sheet to the public concerning the pilot study.
- 2) Conduct special briefings for the Mayor and State and Federal elected officials.
- 3) Hold a public meeting concerning the pilot study proposal.

This letter is to inform you that the public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 1987 at the Chaler Inn beginning at 7:30 P.M. A draft agenda is attached for your information. We intend to issue the press release and fact sheet the week of February 23.

We will attempt to conduct the aforementioned briefings prior to that time. If possible, we would like to brief the Mayor and State and Federal elected officials at the same session. Betsy Porne of our Congressional Office will be working with her State counterparts to arrange the briefings.

I'm pleased to hear the City has hired Marcie Weatherbee as its Environmental Coordinator and look forward to working with Marcie when she comes on board. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments on the project, please feel free to call me at 617-555-3678.

Sincerely,

Frank Ciavattieri
New Bedford Harbor Project Manager

Enclosure: As noted

bcc: B. Horne (w/o Enclosure)